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SUBJECT: EC FONMINS MEETING JUNE 5; US- EC RELATIONS

REF: LUXEMBOURG 421; EC BRUSSELS 3129

SUMMARY: INFORMATION ON THE JUNE 5 MEETING RECEIVED HERE SUPPORTS THAT IN REFTELS. DANES ARE UNDECIDED WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, BUT FORE-SEE A SERIES OF TALKS BY POL DIRECTORS, PERHAPS CULMINATING IN ANOTHER DISCUSSION BY FONMINS IN JULY. THEY ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC ON PROS PECT OF NINE ACHIEVING A COMMON POSITION, AS LONG AS
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ADAMANTLY NEGATIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION OF OTHER BUSINESS JUNE 6, I ASKED OLDENBURG (MFA POL DIRECTOR) ABOUT RUTH OF PRESS REPORT THAT FOMNINS HAD BEEN BLOCKED BY FRENCH FROM REACHING ANY AGREEMENT AT LUXEMBOURG JUNE 5 ON HOW TO REACT TO US PROPOSAL ON DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. OLDENBURG EXPLAINED THAT THE EIGHT HAD WANTED TO PREPARE A COMMON POINT OF VIEW WHICH COULD BE PRESENTED TO THE US. DANISH FONMIN K. B. ANDERSEN HAD STRONGLY SUPPORTED THIS IDEA, STRESSING THAT COMMON VIEW SHOULD NOT BE ADVANCED TO THE AMERICANS IN ANY SPIRIT OF CONFRONTATION BUT AS A MEANS OF SHOWING PRESIDENT NIXON THAT EUROPE -- OR AT LEAST PART REPRESENTED BY THE NINE -- WAS NOW IN STEP ON MAJOR ISSUES.

2. OLDENBURG SAID THE EIGHT WERE READY TO AGREE ON INSTRUCTING THE POL DIRECTORS TO DRAW UP POINTS OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE EC COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD, AFTER MINISTERIAL APPROVAL, BE COORDINATED WITH THE COMMISSION. THE FRENCH FLATLY VETOED THIS IDEA , STRESSING THAT THEY WERE PARTICULARLY OPPOSED TO THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE COMMISSION IN THE DIALOGUE WITH THE U. S.

3. AS A RESULT, OLDENBURG SAID, THE DANES ARE NOT QUITE SURE WHAT COMES NEXT. I ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY TRUTH IN THE REPORT (INT THE BERLINGSKE TIDENDE OF JUNE 6) THAT THE FONMINS WOULD MEET IN COPENHAGEN IN JULY TO WORK FURTHER ON A RESPONSE TO THE US. AS OLDENBURG SAID HE UNDERSTOOD IT, THE POL DIRECTORS WOULD PROBABLY MEET IN HELSINKI EN MARGE OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CSCE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT. THE FONMINS WERE SCHEDULED TO MEET IN BRUSSELS JULY 23-24 AND IT WAS CONCEIVABLE THAT THEIR MEETING THEN COULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE A POLITICAL DISCUSSION. BUT ALL OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS WERE UP IN THE AIR AT THE MOMENT, AND HE DID NOT SEE ANY USEFUL PROGRESS AS LONG AS THE FRENCH CONTINUED TO BE ADMAMANT IN THEIR VIEW.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY, UNDERSECY FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CHRISTENSEN TOLD ME THAT IT WAS THE BRITISH AND FRENCH WHO MOST STRONGLY MAINTAINED THAT A REPLY WAS DUE TO THE KISSINGER INITIATIVE, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE THEY DIFFERED AS TO THE SUBSTANCE AND MODALITIES OF THE REPLY. CHRISTENSEN HIMSELF WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT A SPEECH BY A PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR REQUIRED A FORMAL REPLY:
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INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE BETTER. HE REMARKED FACETIOUSLY:
" PERHAPS THE BEST THING WOULD BE TO HAVE DR. KISSINGER SEND US THE TEXT OF THE REPLY HE WANTED; THAT WOULD SAVE US A LOT OF SQUABBLING IN EUROPE*"
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